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Conservation Commission Minutes 11/19/2009

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 November 19, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, David White, Catherine Garnett and William O'Rourke of the Commission and Brian Thomas, associate member. Ezra Benjamin and of the Commission was not in attendance. Also present were Tim Williams, William Shea and William DeFlorio.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

White/Reed motioned to approve the 11/5 **minutes** with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Edits for the **Walking book** are due December 3.

Mr. O'Rourke asked if the Conservation Office has received the flow diverter information for the **50 Lowell St** project for his review. Ms. Beckwith said that she had not received this information.

Ms. Reed asked if we had a landscaping plan for the **Brantwood Rd** Conservation land. Ms. Beckwith has not received any plan. The owners were clearing brush and discussing cutting an oak tree on the property. Ms. Beckwith will contact the owners.

8pm – **Notice of Intent** – 1007 Massachusetts Ave, Highland Firestation

Mr. Williams presented the redevelopment proposal for the firehouse. The redesign is needed to fit larger fire trucks into the building. They have proposed a rainwater cistern be added that captures roof runoff.

A site walk was held on 11/6. While the stormwater flow to the outfall behind the property is increased slightly the flow to Mass Ave is virtually eliminated. That water will go downstream to another outlet to Mill Brook.

Some changes and/or requests were discussed and considered:

- Riprap should be added to the rear corner of the lot for slope stabilization in the event of overflow of the parking lot.
- The catchbasins should have sumps to capture road sand.
- It may be possible to redirect the second roof leader to the cistern.
- The parking area size could possibly be reduced and the northern end of the lot left as lawn. This area could function as a snow storage area in the winter.

Mr. Shea will review these requests with the firehouse operators and the engineers and provide justification if these requests are not feasible.

The Commission would not request revised hydrologic calculations with these changes.

Tirone/O'Rourke motioned to continue the hearing, with the applicant's consent, to 12/3 at 8:15pm to allow for submittal of this additional information; motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.)

Mr. White submitted photos of the work at **34 Forest St**. The photos show the asphalt pavement running right up to the wall at the edge of Mill Brook. It was the belief on the board that the area behind the chain link fence would be

unpaved and a small planting strip be left to prevent runoff from entering the waterway directly.
The Commission will try to document flow conditions on the site in the next few rain events to see how the runoff behaves.

The **state budget** woes are threatening the structure of DEP's enforcement of the Wetland's Protection Act. Mr. Stevens is drafting a letter to the review committees in support of the present DEP structure of support, through project review, appeals, and superceding Orders as providing a framework and backbone for local implementation of the Act.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinna Beckwith

Administrator